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SUBJECT: ROHDE AND SCHWARZ-TEKTRONIX (RST), ET AL

REF: VIENNA'S T-06715; OEA/CD CASE 23(77)-3

1. OEA/CD AGAIN APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS IN
SUBJECT CASE. DOCUMENTATION CITED REFTEL TENDS TO
SUPPORT OEA/CD CONTENTION REGARDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
RST AND DENIED PARTY MEMISCO ANSTALT (FRANZ EGDELING).

2. HOWEVER, DOCUMENTATION COLLECTED TO DATE IS
CIRCUMSTANTIAL, FALLING SHORT OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE
NECESSARY TO SUBSTANTIATE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES AGAINST
SCHNEEMAN, RST, AND MEMISCO ANSTALT. AS EXAMPLE,
SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM ORIENT TRANSPORT, AS HIGH-
LIGHTED REFTEL, INDICATE SHIPMENTS MADE AT BEHEST OF
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MEMISCO ANSTALT, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, TO U.S.S.R. INVOICES
FOR FREIGHT CHARGES AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTATION MAKES
NO MENTION OF RST OR ORIGIN OF EQUIPMENT. VIABLE DEFENSE
ON SCHNEEMAN'S PART WOULD BE THAT ITEMS SOLELY OF ROHDE
AND SCHWARZ, OR OTHER FIRM'S, MANUFACTURE.

3. THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED, AT ITS DISCRETION,

TO INTERVIEW SCHNEEMAN WITH VIEW TOWARD APPRISING HIM OF INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE POSSESSED BY USG AUTHORITIES. OEA/CD SUGGESTS AREAS OF SCHNEEMAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MEMISCO ANSTALT, SALES TO INSTRONICS, SHIPMENTS DIRECTED BY RST TO ELECTRO-DIESEL, AND ORIENT TRANSPORT EXPORT CERTIFICATES ADDRESSED TO RST AS REFERENCED IN VIENNA'S T-09573, 11/18/76, BE BROACHED DURING INTERVIEW.

4. SHOULD EMBASSY CONSIDER SCHNEEMAN INTERVIEW NOT TO BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME; IN LIEU THEREOF, OEA/CD SUGGESTS EMBASSY UNDERTAKE COURSE OF ACTION DIRECTED AT OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION CLEARLY ESTABLISHING THAT COMMODITIES INVOLVED WERE OF U.S.-ORIGIN AND THAT THEIR MOVEMENT WAS ENGINEERED BY SCHNEEMAN AND FRANZ EGGELING. IN THIS LIGHT, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF MR. DURLER OF ELECTRO-DIESEL, WHOSE NAME IS MENTIONED ON SOME RST INVOICES ADDRESSED TO THE LATTER, AND FRAU SIMMERER, DESPITE HER DEPARTURE FROM THAT FIRM. CHRISTOPHER

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